



A VOLUNTEER-RUN ORGANIC COMMUNITY GARDEN FOR WARREN RESIDENTS

## **GENERAL RULES**

- ❖ The Warren Community Garden (WCG) is open from dawn until dusk, seven days a week. Please park in the designated parking areas.
- ❖ Children are welcome in the WCG, under adult supervision. Pets are not allowed in the garden.
- ❖ Community tools are available in the shed for use by lessees. Please clean and return to the shed after use.
- ❖ All personal tools and supplies must be stored within the boundaries of the leased plot. The shed is not to be used for storing personal items.
- ❖ Removing crops from others' plots is not allowed unless permission is granted by the plot's Lessee.
- ❖ On-site commercial sale of plants, fruits, and/or vegetables from the WCG is not allowed.
- ❖ Hoses are provided for community use; however, please take care when moving hoses not to disturb other garden plots or pathways.
- ❖ Water is available.....
- ❖ To protect wildlife, use of plastic netting/fencing or rodent "sticky traps" is not allowed. Metal or bamboo fencing or floating row cover fabric may be used for wildlife exclusion.
- ❖ No permanent structures are permitted in the leased plot, except for wooden plot borders and perimeter fencing.
- ❖ WCG maintains a "trash in, trash out" policy; please keep WCG tidy.
- ❖ The town of Warren is not liable for any injury to persons or property resulting from community gardening or other on-site activities. Participation is at the Lessee's own risk.



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## REGISTRATION FORM

### 2023 LESSEES

General registration for new lessees is **March 1 – April 15, 2023**. *For the 2023 season only, registration will open June 1, 2022.* (Registrations may be dropped off/mailed to the Warren Parks and Recreation building, 790 Main Street. Plot are assigned on a first come, first served basis. A garden plot will be selected for you among those available and you will be notified of the plot number after your application is processed. Lessees may begin working in the garden as soon as you receive your plot number. Plots will be numbered. This is open to Warren Residents only.

### APPLICATION SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Please return the following:

1. This completed form,
2. A signed copy of the separate Lease and Use Agreement, and
3. A check for \$25 payable to the "Town of Warren" with WCG in the note section. Checks must be imprinted with a Warren address or accompanied by a copy of the lessee's valid driver's license with a Warren address.

Mail or drop off your application to Warren Parks and Recreation, attn: Tara Thibaudeau 790 Main Street Warren RI 02885.

APPLICANT NAME & ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE APPLICATION & FEE RECEIVED \_\_\_\_\_

PLOT ASSIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ KEY ISSUED \_\_\_\_\_



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## **WARREN COMMUNITY GARDEN ORGANIC GUIDELINES**

The Warren Community Garden is an organic garden where the use of synthetic fertilizers, insecticides, herbicides, and fungicides is **NOT ALLOWED**. Proper cultivation techniques, such as mulching, proper watering, plant spacing, and hand-weeding, can address most garden issues. Materials and products that are allowed, if and when needed are contained on two lists.

- ❖ Materials that are approved for use in organic gardens by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's **National Organic Program (NOP)**; and
- ❖ Products on the **Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI)** Product List for crop production.

Following is a short list of some allowed materials and products for various uses. Consult the sources above for additional allowed materials/products or ask the WCG community for further assistance.

### **FERTILITY AND SOIL AMENDMENTS**

- Finished compost (plant, manure, lobster, etc.)
- Compost tea
- Cover crops (e.g., winter rye)
- Rock Minerals, such as
  - Agricultural lime and dolomitic limestone
  - Gypsum
  - Epsom salts
- Animal and plant products, such as;
  - Bone, blood, and feather meal
  - Kelp/seaweed
  - Fish emulsion

### **WEED CONTROL/TREATMENT**

- Herbicidal soaps (non-specific weed killer)
- Mulch to suppress weed growth, such as:
  - Paper that is not glossy and free from colored ink
  - Straw (NOT hay – regular hay has seeds!) or salt marsh hay



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### **INSECT PESTS AND DISEASES** (don't treat indiscriminately; know what you are treating)

- Biological and microbial products, such as:
  - Bacillus thuringiensis (Bt)
  - Bacillus subtilis
  - Spinosad (e.g., Captain Jack's Dead Bug Brew)
- Organic insecticidal soap
- Diatomaceous earth
  - Mineral, such as:
  - Elemental sulfur
  - Copper sulfate
  - Sodium/potassium bicarbonate
  - Kaolin clay
- Oils – narrow range petroleum, vegetable, and fish oils
- Pheromones and pheromone traps
- Plant – derived substances, such as:
  - Neem
  - Pyrethrins (not pyrethroids, which are synthetic)

### **CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL**

Any natural or inert material that will not readily degrade is suitable for use in constructing plant cages and trellis structures at the WCG, with preference given to the following (not in order):

- Untreated wood (wood should be presumed treated unless there is information to the contrary)
- Metal (e.g., aluminum, copper, steel), including wire
- Sisal/Jute/Twine
- Bamboo stakes

Materials **NOT** suitable for use at the WCG include:

- Arsenic-treated wood or old railroad ties
- Plastic lumber
- Plastic or synthetic mulch
- Plastic mesh netting, plastic construction fencing



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## **PLOT CLOSING INSTRUCTIONS**

As part of the WCG lease agreement, lessees have agreed to clean their leased garden plot of all plant debris, cages, trellises, and other structures by the garden closing date of **November 15**. Plots that are not properly cleaned by this date will be considered abandoned and the current lessee will be unable to lease for the following season.

### **SPECIFICS ARE NOTED BELOW:**

- ❖ All spent plant material must be removed from the plot by the garden closing date. Cleaned plots may be mulched with straw, compost, or cover crops for winter protection. If you anticipate renewing your current plot lease next year, plants being overwintered for next season (like garlic) may remain.
- ❖ All cages, trellises, stakes, and the like must be removed from the garden for the winter. If not removed, these items will be disposed. Personal items should not be stored in the shed.
- ❖ All spent plat debris are to be deposited of in yard waste bags and brought to the designated area of the parking area for DPW yard waste pick-up.
- ❖ Keys are to be returned to the Warren Parks and Recreation department at the end of the season if you will not be renewing your lease for the following season.

If you have any questions, contact Tara at [Warrenrecreation@gmail.com](mailto:Warrenrecreation@gmail.com)



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**LEASE AND USE AGREEMENT**

The Warren Community Garden (WCG) is a volunteer-run organic community garden for Warren residents. This Lease and Use Agreement identifies terms and conditions for leasing a 4' x 10' plot at the WCG. The annual fee for leasing a plot is \$25, payable by check imprinted with a Warren address or accompanied by a copy of the lessee's valid driver's license with a Warren address.

**TO ACCEPT THE LEASE AND USE AGREEMENT, PLEASE READ AND INITIAL EACH ITEM AND THEN SIGN.**

- I agree to adhere to the policies and procedures of the WCG as described in this Lease and Use Agreement and the following documents (all forms are available on the Town of Warren's web site)
  - WCG GENERAL RULES
  - WCG PLOT CLOSING INSTRUCTIONS
  - WCG ORGANIC GUIDELINES \_\_\_\_\_(please initial)
  
- I agree to cultivate my leased plot and maintain it in a relatively weed-free condition and within the plot limits throughout the season. \_\_\_\_\_(please initial)
  
- I agree to weed and woodchip pathways around my leased plot, as needed. I agree to maintain these pathways throughout the season. \_\_\_\_\_(please initial)
  
- I agree to clean my plot of all plant debris, cages, stakes, trellises, etc. by the garden closing date of November 15. The perimeter fencing may remain over the winter (see WCG Plot Closing Instructions for more information). \_\_\_\_\_(please initial)
  
- I agree to respect and use appropriately the shared tools and equipment found in the shed and leave the shed as I found it. \_\_\_\_\_(please initial)
  
- I agree not to duplicate the gate/shed key and always make sure the gates/doors are closed and locked upon leaving. \_\_\_\_\_(please initial)



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- I understand that plots are not transferable without the Warren Parks and Recreation director's permission. \_\_\_\_\_ (please initial)
- I agree to abide by the terms of this Lease and Use Agreement. I understand that if I do not, this agreement may be considered breached, and the plot and annual fee may be forfeited. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Town of Warren and/or its employees and volunteers from claims or liability related to any injury, accident, damage, or loss that may occur in association with any community gardening or related activities by myself, family members, or my guest.

Signature of Lessee: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Lessee (printed) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (email is our main communication; provide a legible email address that is  
(must be the same as on check or driver's license) regularly checked)

Assigned plot \_\_\_\_\_